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HORRORS OF ERRORS

We beg of our readers their good will and smiles at our continuous typographical errors. We are trying hard to eliminate them I'm not much of a proof-reader, in fact, this is one task I have no patience for. The last issue, thanks to the help of Jack Mona TESN USN, typographical errors were reduced 70%. We'll continue to improve. We regret exceedingly accidental omission of names. In a past issue we left out a whole line of names of Canadian friends, those of James Phillips, Helen Bryan, Bernice Bromby and Dorothy Wright. In the last issue we accidentally omitted the name of Walter Rephun, who during the past three years, has helped Evelyn Prewett teach the Monday night class in Balboa Park. We want to give him his due credit. Sometimes we mix up lines and made reading incomprehensible. We don't seem to see the mistakes while we proof-read, but somehow they all glare in our face once it's printed and when it is too late to do anything about it. Nonetheless, we'll try to do better. We'll never be perfect, for we are only human, and it is human to err. Please don't think too ill of us.

"US'NS"

*July first is the next deadline.
Have everything in before that date.*

EMBELISHING OUR COVER

Our "True-Blue" pal, Jerry Joris, donned in her beautiful Lithuanian costumes, is seen scanning the various Viltis issues since its inception. She is holding in her hand an Alabama issue when it was still a service letter. To the left we show the title column with some selections of the type of material it carried in those days, a dozen years ago: News for the boys in the service, news about the boys in the service, news about the folks back home, a great amount of humor and jokes and some spiritual fragments which always carried the message of hope, like a candle burning in darkness and bringing rays of light.

To the right, is our first cover design about a year after we moved to Chicago and we began reconverting into a folklore and folk dance magazine. Now it has become, we can proudly brag, one of the best folk magazines on the market, the only one which carries a great coverage of background material, folk news and is folksy in character in the true sense of the word.

Bearing in mind the fact that Viltis appeared on the scene as a service letter to our young people in the armed forces; to those who are amongst us and to those who are at rest in eternity.

More about Jerry: Many know Jerry. Her friendly and charming personality won her friends not only in the Chicago area, where she lives, works and dances, but also in California. She and her sister Charlotte (Chilly Chen) organized the first International Folk Dance group in Chicago and were the moving spirits of International Dancing in those early days and at the International House of the University of Chicago. Both Lewis sisters were a great help and inspiration to untold thousands in many ways and respects. They are selfless and wonderful girls; ever active and ever busy doing good things for others. Jerry works during the day at the U. of C. on a very taxing job, while evenings (and every evening, mind you), she calls square dancing and also teaches folk dancing. During my most trying period of illness and despair, both Lewis Sisters were like sisters to me, sisters sent by God alone and have done everything in the world for my care and comfort, more than anyone else in this world and I am ever grateful to them.

Around May 22 nd Jerry is taking a well earned vacation, one that was her life-long dream: a trip to Europe. When there she plans to visit the Morry Gelmans and the Wayne Wills'es and also take in all the folk dancing possible. To Jerry we wish a Bon Voyage. Fare Thee Well And Hurry Back.

THE LAST "TALKA" FOR VILTIS

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Many interesting articles on Ukrainians and their customs will appear in the next issues. Those articles will be supplied by Olga Zepko of Akron, Ohio, and Walter Danko of Bayonne, N. Y., members of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America.

Also... articles on Hawaii by Dr. Anthony Brunse, and, as usual, a great many miscellany of great interest such as only VILTIS can supply.

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